Amendments to the Specification

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Please replace the paragraph at page 9, line 24 with the following amended paragraph:

In both the '305 patent and the instant invention, movement of liquids within the tip is achieved while the tip is on a pipette (i.e., aspirating probe), by actuation of a piston within a piston cylinder, not shown, to create a partial pressure or partial vacuum. For example, the piston can be operated manually. In the present invention, the aspirating probe is shown as 600 in Figure 4.